

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, December 21, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009, and the special meeting on Monday, December 14, 2009, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Jim Mann abstained for the December 14, 2009 minutes.

Citizen Participation

Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar asked what to do with the Tornado Memorial brick forms after someone has filled one out and donated \$50.00. Mayor Jason Thompson will take the forms and see that the bricks get engraved. Weather permitting, the bricks will start being put down in March or April 2010. City Attorney George Loy stated that we do have the deed to the Tornado Memorial property. The City now owns the property.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that everything is going well. It is winter so things are slowing down a bit. The first snow and ice had them busy all day long. They had their toy drive and helped 159 families and 423 kids. This was a huge success. He hasn't heard anything about the Fire Station Renovation grant that he applied for in June.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that on January 4, 2010 Joe Nies will leave for the Academy. Friday Curt was contacted by the Department of Justice and informed that the City will be receiving \$8,900.00 in money forfeiture. This was from a high speed motorcycle pursuit that ended up involving quite a bit of drugs and money. Retired Policed K-9 Shadow had to be put down Wednesday morning. Sometime Tuesday night he suffered a stroke. He was 13 years old. This has been hard for his family and children.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that everything is normal. They had three broken mains in seven days last week. The hatches are done and he hopes to put them on the first of next week. He would like everyone to push the tornado bricks.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that it is quiet at the plant. He is waiting to hear when they can start the National Homes Project. His new building is about completed. They are waiting on two flanges for Western Heights.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that his department has been helping deliver toters. They have delivered around 900 so far. He has contacted the newspaper to inform everyone to put them where they normally placed their trash cans. All toters had flyers in them to read with

instructions that are self explanatory. Each toter has a serial number that corresponds with each home address. It will take a couple of months to work out the kinks. Mayor Thompson appreciates all the Street Department's help in this matter.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue was on vacation.

Financial Report – Update CEDIT Resolution 2006-5

City Attorney George Loy stated that the City's EDIT Resolution 2006-5 defines how you use that fund and needs reviewed and revised every three years. It is time to do that. The current Resolution was adopted late 2006. The Council needs to be considering how they would want to amend this Resolution. They need to identify the projects that they want the EDIT funds to fund. This Resolution will be amended in January 2010.

Consideration of Municipal Recommendation for Appointment for 2010 Board of Directors – Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District

The Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District is requesting the Council's assistance in completing appointments for the Board of Directors for 2010. One member shall be recommended by the executive of the largest municipality in the county and approved by the municipality's legislative body. All board members must be elected officials. Council Member Bill Smith has served as the municipal representative for Monticello for several years. He has accepted again for 2010, with Council Member Dave Kelly as alternate. Mayor Thompson will sign and send in the Municipal Recommendation for Appointment for 2010.

Ordinance 2009-32; Transferring Funds Within the Various Accounts of the City of Monticello, Indiana

City Attorney George Loy stated that Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar has given him a list of transfers. They involve the Council, Police, Fire, Park, TIF, and Health and Sanitation. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2009-32, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-32, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution 2009-5; Resolution to Encumber Funds

City Attorney George Loy stated that there are two items to encumber. They are for Park and TIF. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-5, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of 2010 Meeting Times and Dates

Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the 2010 meeting times and dates for the Common Council and Board of Works, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer